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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16 (Canceled).

17 (Currently amended). A system for treating a bone vertebral body having an interior volume occupied, at least in part, by cancellous bone comprising

~~a first access tool sized and configured to establish a first percutaneous access path to the bone,~~

a first ~~void forming~~ tool sized and configured to be introduced into the vertebral body through the first a percutaneous access path and including an expandable region sized and configured to form a void in the cancellous bone , and

~~a second access tool sized and configured to establish a second percutaneous access path to the same bone, the second access path being different than the first access path,~~

a second ~~void forming~~ tool sized and configured to be introduced into the vertebral body through the second a percutaneous access path and including a platform region sized and configured to be disposed relative to the expandable region of the first tool to define an expansion barrier that directs expansion of the expandable region away from the platform region to direct expansion of the expandable region in a desired direction, and

~~———— a tool sized and configured for passage through at least one of the first and second access paths to deliver a filling material into the void.~~

18. (Currently amended). A system as in claim 17 or 40 or 46

~~wherein at least one of the first and second void forming tools~~ platform region comprises an expandable body.

19. (Previously presented). A system as in claim 18

wherein the expandable body is inflatable.

20 (Previously presented). A system as in claim 18

wherein the expandable body is a balloon.

21 (Previously presented). A system as in claim 18

wherein the expandable body has a predetermined shape and size when expanded.

22 to 23 (Canceled).

24 (Currently amended). A system as in claim 17 or 40 or 46

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wherein at least one of the first and second ~~void-forming tools is carried by~~ includes an elongated ~~member shaft~~ sized and configured to pass through the ~~respective first or second a~~ percutaneous access path.

25 (Currently Amended). A system as in claim 24

wherein the elongated ~~member shaft~~ comprises a catheter.

26 (Currently amended). A system as in claim 17

wherein ~~at least one of the~~ expandable region of the first and second void-forming tools is sized and configured to compact cancellous bone.

27 to 29 (Canceled).

30 (Currently amended). A system as in claim ~~18~~ 17

wherein expansion of the expandable ~~body within bone~~ region of the first tool exerts force upon cortical bone.

31 (Currently amended). A system as in claim ~~18~~ 17

wherein expansion of the expandable ~~body within bone~~ region of the first tool exerts force upon cortical bone to move fractured cortical bone.

32 to 33 (Canceled).

34 (Currently amended). A method for treating a bone vertebral body having an interior volume occupied, at least in part, by cancellous bone comprising

providing a system as defined in claim 17,

~~establishing a first percutaneous access path into the bone using the first access tool,~~

~~establishing a second percutaneous access path into the same bone using the second access tool, the second access path being different than the first access path,~~

introducing the first and second ~~void-forming tools~~ into the vertebral body, respectively, through the first and second access paths, and

~~introducing the tool through at least one of the first and second access paths to deliver a filling material into the void~~

forming a void in the cancellous bone by expanding the expandable region of the first tool with the platform region of the second tool disposed to serve as an expansion barrier that directs expansion of the expandable region away from the platform region.

35 (Currently amended). A method as in claim 34

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~~wherein at least one of the first and second void forming tools comprises an expandable body, the method further comprising expanding the expandable region body within the bone to compact cancellous bone.~~

36 (New). A method as in claim 34

wherein expanding the expandable region exerts force upon cortical bone.

37 (New). A method as in claim 34

wherein expanding the expandable region exerts force upon cortical bone to move fractured cortical bone.

38 (New). A system as in claim 17

wherein the expandable region of the first tool and the platform region of the second tool comprise parts of a single device.

39 (New). A system as in claim 17

wherein the expandable region of the first tool and the platform region of the second tool comprise separate structures.

40 (New). A system for treating a vertebral body having an interior volume occupied, at least in part, by cancellous bone comprising

a first tool sized and configured to be introduced into the vertebral body through a percutaneous access path and including a void forming region that enlarges to form a void in the cancellous bone, and

a second tool sized and configured to be introduced into the vertebral body through a percutaneous access path and including a platform region sized and configured to be disposed relative to the void forming region of the first tool to define a barrier that directs enlargement of the void forming region away from the platform region to in a desired direction to form the void.

41 (New). A system as in claim 40

wherein the void forming region of the first tool is sized and configured to compact cancellous bone.

42 (New). A system as in claim 40

wherein enlargement of the void forming region of the first tool exerts force upon cortical bone.

43 (New). A system as in claim 40

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wherein enlargement of the void forming region of the first tool exerts force upon cortical bone to move fractured cortical bone.

44 (New). A system as in claim 40

wherein the void forming region of the first tool and the platform region of the second tool comprise parts of a single device.

45 (New). A system as in claim 40

wherein the void forming region of the first tool and the platform region of the second tool comprise separate structures.

46 (New). A system for treating a vertebral body having an interior volume occupied, at least in part, by cancellous bone comprising

a first tool sized and configured to be introduced into the vertebral body through a percutaneous access path and including a compacting region that enlarges to form a void in the cancellous bone and compact the cancellous bone, and

a second tool sized and configured to be introduced into the vertebral body through a percutaneous access path and including a platform region sized and configured to be disposed relative to the compacting region of the first tool to define a barrier that directs enlargement of the compacting region away from the platform region in a desired direction to form the void and compact the cancellous bone.

47 (New). A system as in claim 46

wherein enlargement of the compacting region of the first tool exerts force upon cortical bone.

48 (New). A system as in claim 46

wherein enlargement of the compacting region of the first tool exerts force upon cortical bone to move fractured cortical bone.

49 (New). A system as in claim 46

wherein the compacting region of the first tool and the platform region of the second tool comprise parts of a single device.

50 (New). A system as in claim 46

wherein the compacting region of the first tool and the platform region of the second tool comprise separate structures.

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51 (New). A method for treating a vertebral body having an interior volume occupied, at least in part, by cancellous bone comprising
providing a system as defined in claim 40,
introducing the first and second tools into the vertebral body, and
forming a void in the cancellous bone by enlarging the void forming region of the first tool with the platform region of the second tool disposed to serve as a barrier that directs enlargement of the void forming region away from the platform region.

52 (New). A method as in claim 51
wherein enlarging the void forming region compacts cancellous bone.

53 (New). A method as in claim 51
wherein enlarging the void forming region exerts force upon cortical bone.

54 (New). A method as in claim 51
wherein enlarging the void forming region exerts force upon cortical bone to move fractured cortical bone.

55 (New). A method for treating a vertebral body having an interior volume occupied, at least in part, by cancellous bone comprising
providing a system as defined in claim 46,
introducing the first and second tools into the vertebral body, and
forming a void in the cancellous bone and compacting the cancellous bone by enlarging the compacting region of the first tool with the platform region of the second tool disposed to serve as a barrier that directs enlargement of the compacting region away from the platform region.

56 (New). A method as in claim 55
wherein enlarging the compacting region exerts force upon cortical bone.

57 (New). A method as in claim 55
wherein enlarging the compacting region exerts force upon cortical bone to move fractured cortical bone.